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G.CHANDRASEKHARAN. J.

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Section 6 (4) of TN Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) Order, 1982 and Section 7 (1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime No.59 of 2023, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner is 73 years old and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that petitioner only used to help the other accused in loading rice sacks from the lorry and prays for anticipatory bail for the petitioner.

3. In response, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) opposed this petition and submitted that A1 to A7 had stolen 2500 Kgs of PDS rice from Chinthamani Co-Operative Society Ration Shop No.1, S.M.Nagar, Thirumullaivoyil.



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4.Considering the facts of the case that petitioner is only an helper, assisting in loading the rice sacks and also the fact that co-ccused had been arrested and released on bail and that the stolen rice and lorry had been seized, this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary and this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Therefore, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate - I, Tiruvallur**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties** each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.



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[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560].

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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